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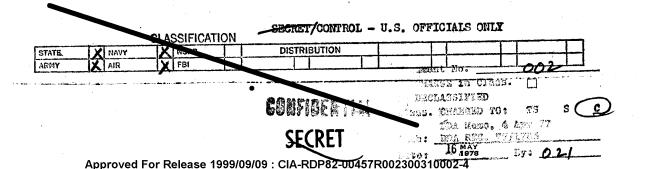
The only ball bearing factories in the oviet Zone are Deutsche Kugellager-fabrik, Leipzig, and Karl Reich, Zella-Mehlis (JO3). (Compant: A 25 check is being made to determine the correct status of Gebr. Heller, Meiningen (H82), which is listed as a ball bearing factory.)

Deutsche Kugellagerfabrik (DKF), Leipzig

- "his firm, which has two works here, one at Leutsch the second at Böhlitz-Enrenberg, is now called SKF "Norma", Leipziger Kugellagerfabrik der SAG für Maschinenbau. The Soviet managing director is named Papikov.
- The production program at the firm includes the following types of ball bearings: 6204-6221, 6303-6318, 6406, 6408, 6412, 7200-7210, 7304-7305, 7308, 51102-51126, 51202-51226, 51307, QA 15-QA 110 and QB 15-QB 90.
- Ball bearings are sent only to SAGs or to the USSR; despite attempts by the Government of land Sachsen to obtain supplies urgently required for industry, no deliveries for the domestic market are available.
- All stocks of ball-bearing steel were exhausted at the beginning of October 1948 and production dropped. Attempts to use USSR steel, of which one carload arrived at the end of September 1948, proved unsuccessful as this steel had not the requisite degree of hardness. Attempts are being made, however, to render it usable through repeated re-heating.

Karl Reich. Zella-Mehlis

- Production, as with the Deutsche Kugellagerfabrik, goes only to SAGs or to the USSR.
- Only small ball bearings up to 25 mm diameter of the following types are produced: R4, R9, E1, E4, E5, E6, E8, 6001, 6200-6203, 1200-1201, 1207, 7. 6300, 6302-6303, 16100-16101.



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General

- 8. Both the above firms are SAGs grouped under "Avtovelo". Of the remaining SAGs under "Avtovelo", the following information is given:
 - a. Fichtel und Sachs, Reichenbach, Vogtland, is not producing ball bearings but small motors and free-wheeling hubs for bicycles.
 - b. Elite-Diamantworks, Chemnitz, and "Mifa", Sangerhausen (D42) are producing bicycles.
 - c. Bayerische Motoren Werle, Eisenach (L51), is concentrating on motor vehicles.
- 9. Ceramic ball bearings were once shown at a Leipzig fair, but have not yet appeared on the market. The DKF representatives were of the opinion that these would be suitable for slow-running motors only.

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